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SUBJECT: GRAINS SUBGROUP DOCUMENTATION

REFS: (A) MTN GENEVA 8461, (B) MTN GENEVA 8391

1. MTN DEL SHOULD TRANSMIT FOLLOWING CHANGES IN DOCUMENT
MTN/GR/W/8 BEARING IN MIND THAT FOLLOWING CONVERSION
RATIOS (USDA STATISTICAL BULLETIN NO. 362) WERE USED TO
ARRIVE AT DATA IN METRIC TONS: BARLEY -- IMT EQUALS
45.9296 BUSHEL; CORN AND GRAIN SORGHUM -- IMT EQUALS
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39.368 BUSHEL; AND WHEAT -- IMT EQUALS 36.7437 BUSHEL.

2. BARLEY; TABLES 5-12.

-- INDICATE THAT BOTH STOCKS AND PRODUCTION DATA ON CROP YEAR (JULY/JUNE) BASIS.

-- CHANGE STOCK FIGURES AS RECOMMENDED REF A. EXCEPT THAT CLOSING FIGURE FOR 1974 AND OPENING FIGURE FOR 1975 SHOULD BE 1,655,000 MT.

-- CHANGE IMPORT FIGURE FOR CY 1974 TO 359,000 AND EXPORT FIGURE TO 1,235,000.

-- INSERT NEW CY TRADE DATA AS FOLLOWS (EXISTING DATA HAVE ERRORS UP TO 25) IN THOUSAND METRIC TONS:

	U.S. IMPORTS	U.S. EXPORTS
1968	190	388
1969	243	181
1970	269	1,199
1971	222	1,159
1972	378	1,319
1973	210	2,059
1974	359	1,235

3. CORN; TABLES 17-24.

INDICATE THAT BOTH STOCKS AND PRODUCTION DATA ON CROP YEAR (OCTOBER-SEPTEMBER) BASIS.

-- CHANGE STOCK FIGURES AS RECOMMENDED REF A. EXCEPT CLOSING FIGURE FOR 1974 AND OPENING FIGURE FOR 1975 SHOULD BE 9,119,000 MT.

-- SLIGHT (2-3) ERRORS IN CY IMPORT AND EXPORT DATA PROBABLY DUE TO ROUNDING AND NEED NOT BE CORRECTED.

4. GRAIN SORGHUM; TABLES 29-36.

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-- INDICATE THAT BOTH STOCKS AND PRODUCTION DATA ON CROP YEAR (OCTOBER-SEPTEMBER) BASIS.

-- CHANGE STOCK FIGURES AS RECOMMENDED REF A. EXCEPT CLOSING FIGURE FOR 1974 AND OPENING FIGURE FOR 1975 SHOULD BE 889,000.

-- ADD PRODUCTION FIGURE 15,952,000 MT FOR 1974.

-- INSERT NEW CY TRADE DATA AS FOLLOWS (IN THOUSANDS OF METRIC TONS):

	U.S. IMPORTS	U.S. EXPORTS
1968	787	2,703
1969	1,168	3,199
1970	1,168	3,663
1971	NEGLIGIBLE	3,123
1972	152	5,389
1973	533	5,946
1974	51	5,384

5. WHEAT; TABLES 41-47.

-- INDICATE THAT, UNLIKE OTHER THREE COMMODITIES, DOCUMENT GIVES U.S. WHEAT EXPORT AND IMPORT DATA ON CROP (OR FISCAL) YEAR BASIS --I.E., JULY-JUNE. U.S. WILLING TO RETAIN THESE DATA (WITH APPROPRIATE FOOTNOTE) OR TO PROVIDE CY DATA ON REQUEST. ALSO NOTE THAT EXISTING U.S. TRADE DATA IN DOCUMENT INCLUDE FLOUR ON A GRAIN EQUIVALENT BASIS.

-- CHANGE IMPORT FIGURES FOR 1972/73 AND 1973/74 AS RECOMMENDED REF A.

-- CHANGE CLOSING STOCK FIGURE FOR 1974/75 TO 8,709 (THOUSAND TONS).

-- CHANGE U.S. FY 1973 IMPORT FIGURE TO 109 THOUSAND MT AND U.S. FY 1974 IMPORT FIGURE TO 54 THOUSAND MT.

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6. SUMMARY OF MEASURES AFFECTING EXPORTS AND IMPORTS; TABLE 57.

FOLLOWING CHANGES/ADDITIONS PERTAIN TO ENTRIES CONCERNING U.S. (PAGE 120):

-- COLUMN (2). ADD FOLLOWING PARENTHICAL EXPLANATION CONCERNING CCC: "OPERATES DOMESTIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS; MAY RE-SELL STOCKS TO PRIVATE TRADE. DOES NOT EXPORT OR IMPORT GRAIN."

-- COLUMN (3). DELETE TWO ENTRIES, "SUBSIDIES", AND REPLACE WITH "WHEAT EXPORT SUBSIDIES TERMINATED SEPT. 1972; NO SUBSIDIES ON OTHER GRAINS IN RECENT YEARS."

-- COLUMN (7). SUGGEST DELETION ENTIRE ENTRY REFERRING TO "PRIOR APPROVAL" ETC. AND REPLACING WITH "EXPORT REPORTING/MONITORING SYSTEM".

-- COLUMN (8). DESCRIBE 5 DUTY AS APPLYING TO WHEAT "UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION", AND 21 CENTS PER BUSHEL DUTY APPLICABLE TO "OTHER WHEAT". ALSO NOTE THAT 6 CENTS PER BUSHEL DUTY IS FOR "SEED CORN" AND THAT 25 CENTS PER BUSHEL DUTY IS FOR "OTHER CORN." DELETE REFERENCE TO 25 AD. VAL. DUTY ON CORN AS NO SUCH RATE EXISTS. FINALLY, NOTE THAT DUTY FOR SORGHUM IS 0.4 CENTS PER POUND (IE, ZERO DECIMAL FOUR).

-- COLUMN (10). SHOULD READ "GLOBAL WHEAT QUOTAS..."

-- COLUMN (12). SUGGEST DELETION REFERENCE TO 1971 IMPORT SURCHARGE SINCE THIS GENERAL TRADE MEASURE, NOT COMMODITY MEASURE, AND, IN ANY CASE, SOMEWHAT ANCIENT HISTORY.

7. BRIEFING MATERIALS REQUESTED PARA. 4, REF A., BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE FORWARDED AS VARIOUS ITEMS COMPLETED. WE ALSO LOOKING AT DOCUMENTATION IN CHAPTER C REGARDING OTHER KEY COUNTRIES, AND WILL INFORM YOU OF MAJOR DISCREPANCIES ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE MAJOR ISSUE OF DOCUMENTATION IN SUBGROUP.
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8. GATT/AIR/1234 REQUEST FOR COMMODITY-BY-COUNTRY EXPORT DATA, BROKEN DOWN BY TYPE TRANSACTION ("COMMERCIAL" AND "SPECIAL"), FOR CHAPTER D WILL NOT BE COMPLETELY MET. SUCH BREAKOUT NO LONGER PREPARED BY USG BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY RECONCILING CENSUS TRADE DATA WITH PL 480 PROGRAM DATA AND THUS LIMITED USEFULNESS RESULTS. HOWEVER, TWO EXISTING USG STATISTICAL SERIES CAN BE COMPARED TO YIELD APPROXIMATE BREAKOUT DESIRED BY SECRETARIAT. ERS PUBLICATION, "U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS UNDER PUBLIC LAW 480" (ERS-FOREIGN 395) PROVIDES DESIRED DATA ON "SPECIAL SALES". TOTAL EXPORTS ON SAME FISCAL YEAR BASIS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANNUAL ERS PUBLICATION, "U.S. FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL TRADE STATISTICAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 19--". DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO SERIES WOULD YIELD APPROXIMATIONS OF "COMMERCIAL" EXPORTS. ASIDE FROM POSSIBLE DISCREPANCIES ARISING FROM NON-COMPARABILITY OF PL 480 WITH CENSUS TRADE DATA, THIS APPROACH MAY NOT YIELD DATA FOR FEW COUNTRIES WHICH ARE LUMPED TOGETHER IN "OTHER" CATEGORY IN LATTER REPORT. TO OVERCOME THIS, USDA WILL SUPPLY COMPUTER PRINT-OUTS THAT PROVIDE DATA FOR ALL COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, THESE

PRINT-OUTS, LIKE THE DATA IN THE TRADE STATISTICAL REPORT, ARE NOT ADJUSTED FOR TRANSSHIPMENTS (PRIMARILY THROUGH CANADA) WHICH ARE SIZEABLE FOR SOME ITEMS. AT PRESENT, NO U.S. EXPORT DATA ON QUANTITY BASIS IS ADJUSTED FOR ALL THESE TRANSSHIPMENTS. GIVEN MAGNITUDE OF TASK OF TRYING TO ADJUST THOUSAND OR MORE STATISTICAL ENTRIES (U.S. HAS NOT DEVELOPED COMPUTER CAPABILITY TO DO THIS, PARTLY BECAUSE OF LAG IN AVAILABILITY TRANSSHIPMENT DATA), AND GIVEN DISCREPANCIES IN DATA THAT WOULD REMAIN IN ANY CASE, U.S. PREFERS THAT DATA BE PRESENTED IN EXISTING FORM WITH APPROPRIATE FOOTNOTES. USERS OF DATA WOULD THEN BE IN POSITION TO ESTIMATE U.S. "COMMERCIAL" EXPORTS, ADJUSTED OR UNADJUSTED, TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY HAD AN INTEREST. COMPLETE DATA WILL BE MAILED AGATT KOENIG IN NEAR FUTURE FOR SUBMISSION TO SECRETARIAT. INGERSOLL

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